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## Carter's Choice to Head C.I.A.

Adm. Stansfield Turner

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**Man** AS president of the Naval College from 1972 to 1974, Adm. Stansfield Turner kept a sign on his door that read: "I need one good idea a day." The sign was characteristic of a man whom his associates and friends describe as endlessly curious about philosophy, theater, opera, international politics and military affairs. He is quite a remarkable military officer, almost an original, said a War College associate, F.J. West, another professor at the college, spoke of him as highly imaginative and extremely energetic.

**In the** Stan Turner, whom President Carter designated today as his choice to head the Central Intelligence Agency and to function as his Director of Central Intelligence, was a student of the world around him as early as his high school days in Highland Park, Ill. He was also near the top of his class wherever he studied.

**News** There is one side to Admiral Turner that a naval associate described as "breezy and informal," and another that he said made one "not mistake for one minute that he is an admiral."

When he commanded the Second Fleet in 1974 in the Atlantic he was accustomed to make surprise visits to his ships by helicopter. Before landing he would toss a life preserver into the ocean and then demand that the crew "show what they could do" about a putative man overboard on instant notice.

### Shakeup Politics Started

This was described as a continuation of shake-up politics that he had instituted at the Newport, R.I., War College. On his first day there he told the students to "feel right at home" and show their families around the campus. After this lulling start, he said: "Report back to the first class in one hour."

The shake-up proceeded with his demand that the college serve not as a year off from naval duty, but a program involving tough examinations in strategy, tactics, analysis and management.

These practices and his own penchant for a heavy intellectual diet did not endear Admiral Turner to all of his peers.

However, he won respect at Newport for innovations, such as a series of humanities lectures by outsiders, including his friend, Herman Wouk, the author of "The Caine Mutiny." An evening at the Turner household, a colleague recalled, was likely to include in the guest list a politician or a historian.

### Carter His Classmate

One of his guests at a college seminar was then Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, who was his classmate at the Naval Academy in the accelerated class of 1947, which finished a year early.

Stansfield Turner had come to the Navy by way of the Naval Reserve at Amherst College, which he attended from 1941 to 1943. He finished 25th in a class of 820, served on a carrier and a cruiser, and then won a Rhodes Scholarship. At Oxford he studied philosophy, politics and economics, receiving a master's degree in arts in 1950.

He was on destroyers during the Korean War, in which he earned a Bronze Star and other service medals. He also commanded a guided missile frigate in the Vietnam War.

His shore duty included two tours in defense systems analysis at the Pentagon. He was appointed commander in chief of allied forces in Southern Europe in August 1975.

He was born Dec. 1, 1923, in Highland Park, a prosperous suburb of Chicago on Lake Michigan, the son of Oliver Stansfield and Wilhelmina Josephine Turner. His father was a real estate broker.

He was elected president of his class in his sophomore year and was a football letterman. Mrs. Mary Mikkelsen, who went to school with him recalls him as "nice to everybody" and "into everything."

### Played Football Despite Height

At Annapolis he also made the football team despite his relatively short stature, and played left guard. He continues to enjoy sports, playing tennis and squash and swimming when he has a chance. His classmates remembered his "corny puns" in the yearbook, a habit he appears to have retained.

He married the former Patricia Busy Whitney in 1953. Their son, Geoffrey, is a Navy lieutenant stationed in Maryland, and their daughter, Laurel, is married. The Turners recently became grandparents.

The Turners also have a dog named Hornblower after the fictional admiral.

Admiral Turner does not smoke, drinks rarely and works long days, his associates report.

### Judge of Long-Range Trends

In the current national debate on international strategic questions and the balance of forces between the Soviet Union and the United States, Admiral Turner's contemplative mind has placed him firmly on the side opposite "the quantifiers" among United States policy makers who have attempted in recent years to measure strengths in numbers of ships, missiles and planes.

He prefers to judge long-range trends, as illustrated by his article on "The Naval Balance" in the January edition of Foreign Affairs. He wrote: "Focus on trends rather than statistics will make the dialogue on the naval balance more substantial and constructive. Our survival and that of our allies in war depend on the vital sea links between us, and these are ensured largely by our naval power."

"A sensible approach will be to ask not 'Who is ahead?', but to determine whether our naval forces in hand, considering the other forces on the planet, can carry out our national purpose—which is principally to keep the peace if we can, and if we cannot, to protect ourselves from storms, and to help our friends protect themselves."